

# Test 1:

Practice Question: Talk about one of your best friends.

Preparation time: 30 seconds

Recording time: 60 seconds

1: Your companion is attempting their initial solo cooking endeavor. Offer him/her guidance on meal preparation.

**Preparation time: 30 seconds. Recording time: 90 seconds**

Goals:

- Informal
- Natural
- Take interest
- Make it realistic

2: Recall a time when you navigated through a cultural festival in a country you were visiting. Describe the array of activities, the food you tried, and the interactions you had. Reflect on how this experience enriched your understanding of the culture.

**Preparation time: 30 seconds. Recording time: 60 seconds**

Goals:

- Keep 2-4 points max
- Explain the emotional hook

3: Describe what is happening in the picture below. The person you are with cannot see the picture.

**Preparation time: 30 seconds. Recording time: 60 seconds**



Goals:

- Use adjectives and (where possible) adverbs
- Explain the reasoning behind actions
- Use directions
- Focus on 2-4 main points, then the rest if time allows

4: What do you think will happen next in this picture?

**Preparation time: 30 seconds. Recording time: 60 seconds**



**Goals:**

- Focus on what happens in the next 15 minutes
- Explain why it would happen
- Use “probably / most likely / perhaps / may”
- Don’t forget the expressions of the characters!

5: Your friend is considering some options for his daily travel to work. Considering the environment, you are leaning towards an electric scooter, but you also support the idea of public transport. Pick one of these two options. On the next page, you will convince your friend to consider your option.

**Preparation time: 60 seconds.**



### **Option 1: Electric Scooter**

- Environmentally friendly and zero emissions
- Easy to maneuver through traffic and narrow streets
- Low maintenance costs
- Affordable rental or purchase options

### **Option 2: Public Transit (Subway)**

- Cost-effective and budget-friendly
- Avoids the hassle of driving and finding parking
- Extensive route network, connecting various parts of the city
- Possible delays and crowded during rush hours

### **Goals:**

- Compare BOTH tables! Very important!
- Paraphrase the words from the table
- Add **some** of your own reasoning that is not mentioned in the tables

*If you chose the electric scooter, refer to the picture below, otherwise, go to the next page.*

Your friend thinks that using a bicycle might be the best fit for him. Convince him that your chosen option is still better.

**Preparation time: 60 seconds. Recording time: 60 seconds**



### **Electric Scooter**

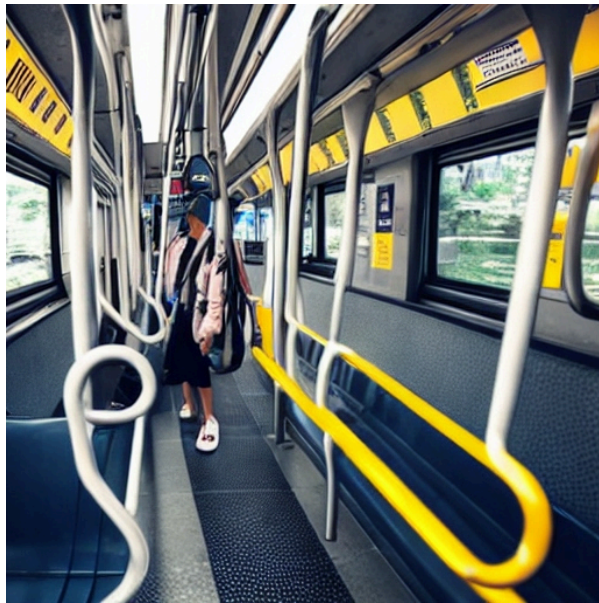
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### **Bicycle**

- Eco-friendly and promotes physical fitness
- No fuel costs, just occasional maintenance
- Perfect for short to medium-distance commutes
- Limited carrying capacity for groceries or other items

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6: You've been offered two job opportunities: one abroad with travel opportunities, and one locally with a higher salary. Your spouse prefers you to stay local.

EITHER

- Convince your spouse of the personal and professional growth potential of the international job.

OR

- Persuade yourself that the local job with a higher salary is the better option for your family's stability.

**Preparation time: 60 seconds. Recording time: 60 seconds**

Goals:

- Use high-level emotional intelligence
- 90% of the time, you need to apologize
- The end should be positive

7: Should learning institutions implement exclusively remote education when technologically feasible? What is your opinion?

**Preparation time: 30 seconds. Recording time: 90 seconds**

Goals:

- Be passionate. It's a debate
- Use strong words where possible
- Speak on something you really believe in
- Add questions (if possible)

8: You are in a Victorian library, rich with history and mystery, where every object seems to hold a story. A child in a beautiful gown is focused on a particularly lavish book. Share with a friend what you imagine the book might contain and the secrets the library might hold. What story could unfold from this scene?

**Preparation time: 30 seconds. Recording time: 60 seconds**



Goals:

- This is basically like question number 3, with the intro and conclusion adapted to the prompt
- Make it formal/informal based on the prompt
- Keep the overall tone based on the prompt in the question

# Practice Your Speaking!

**Record yourself while speaking and check if you successfully fulfilled the examiner marking criteria below:**

- **Task Achievement:** This criterion assesses how well the test taker fulfills the requirements of each speaking task. It evaluates whether the response is relevant and whether the speaker addresses all parts of the task.
- **Coherence and Cohesion:** This aspect looks at how effectively the speaker organizes and links their ideas. A coherent response is logically organized and uses appropriate transitions and connectors.
- **Lexical Range and Accuracy:** This evaluates the range and accuracy of the vocabulary used by the test taker. It assesses whether the speaker uses a variety of words appropriately and accurately in the context of the task.
- **Pronunciation:** This criterion focuses on how clear and understandable the speaker's pronunciation is. It includes aspects like articulation, intonation, and stress patterns. The accent is not evaluated as long as it does not hinder understanding.
- **Grammar Range and Accuracy:** This measures the range and accuracy of the speaker's grammar. It assesses whether the speaker uses a variety of grammatical structures accurately.